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KOLL REPEAT STATE 121423 ACTION KINSHASA INFO BUJUMBSRA,  
DAR E SALAAM, BUKAVU AND NAIROBI 23 MAY 75:

QUOTE

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: W/W THREE KIDNAPPED AMCITS

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS CALLED IN ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR  
MBEKA MORNING MAY 23 TO DISCUSS GOMBE KIDNAPPING CASE AND  
TO REQUEST GOZ ASSISTANCE IN CONDUCTING SEARCH IN ZAIRE  
TERRITORY FOR OISSING AMCITS.

2. DAVIS SAID MATTER IS OF GRAVE CONCERN TO USG AND THAT  
CONCERN ALSO GROWING IN BOTH CONGRESS AND PRESS. ANXIETIES  
HEIGHTENED BY ABSENCE OF ANY COMMUNICATION TO DATE FROM  
KIDNAPPERS OR OFANY HARD EVIDENCE OF WHERE THEY MAY HAVE  
GONE. DAGIS ALLUDED TO SPECULATION AMONG THOSE AT SCENE  
OF KIDNAPGING THAT ABDUCTORS MAY HAVE COME FROM ZAIRE,  
NOTING REPORTS THAT THEY SPOKE LINGALA AND FRENCH AND THAT  
ONE WORE SOME KIND OF "ZAIRIAN INSIGNIA" ON UNIFORM.

3. DAVIS underscored fact that there as yet no confirmation  
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OF EITHER ORIGIN  
OF KIDNAPPERS OR WHERE THEY NOW LOCATED.  
HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTY RE THEIR WHEREABOUTS, IT  
WAS IMPORTANT THAT NO STONE BE LEFT UNTURNED IN EFFORT TO  
LOCATE KIDNAP VICTIMS. USG THEREFORE RELIEVES AL-OUT  
SESRCH EFFORT WARRANTED IN THOSE PARTS OF ZAIRE  
BORDERING LAKE TANGANYIKA AND REQUESTS THAT GUZ UNDERTAKE  
SUCH SEARCH, WHILE MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH US  
EMBASSY KINSHASA AND CONSULATE BUKAVU. DAVIS NOTED  
THAT US EMBASSY BJJUMBURA HAD ALREADY BEEN INSTRCUTED TO  
PROPOSE THAT GRB UNDERTAKE SIMILAR SEARCH.

4. MBEKA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SITJATION AND WOULD IMMEDIATELY  
CONVEY DAVIS' REQUEST TO GOZ. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT  
SO FAR GOZ CONSIDERED MATTER IS RESPONSIBILITY OF  
TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT IN VIEW ESTABLISHED FACT THAT CRIME  
COMMITTED ON TANZANIAN TERRITORY AND LACK OF CONFIRMED  
EVIDENCE THAT KIDNAPPERS WERE ZAIRIAN, CAME FROM ZAIRE  
OR TOOK CAPTIVES TO ZAIRE. HE NOTED THAT AT TIME OF  
CONGO REBELLION NUMBER OF REFUGEED FROM ZAIRE SETTLED IN  
TANZANIA AND SPECULATED THEY MIGHT HAVE COMMITTED CRIME,  
OPERATING FROM AND REMAINING IN TANZANIAN TERRITORY.

5. DAVIS MADE CLEAR HE IS NO WAY SUTGESTING THAT ZAIRE  
BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENT. HE REITERATED  
HOWEVER, THAT, GIVEN PRESENT UNKNOWNNS, IT WAS IMPORTANT  
THAT SEACH OPERATIONS BE CONDUCTED IN ALL REGIONS LHERE  
KIDNAPPERS AND VICTIMS COULD POSSIBLE BE LOCATED,  
INCLUDING ZAIRE. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE

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